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TAGS: PFORN PINS TU IZ  
SUBJECT: IRAQI HELICOPTERS WOUND FIVE TURKS IN HAKKARI

1. ACCORDING TO REPORTS ON ANKARA RADIO AND IN THE PRESS, FOUR TURKISH GENDARMES AND ONE VILLAGER WERE WOUNDED SEPT 23 BY THREE IRAQI MILITARY OR GENDARMERIE HELICOPTERS WHICH HAD CROSSED INTO TURKISH AIRSPACE. THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE AT THE TURKISH GENDARMERIE POST AT UZUMLU VILLAGE IN SOUTHERN HAKKARI PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, AN IRAQI HELICOPTER CROSSED THE BORDER INTO TURKISH AIRSPACE AT ABOUT NOON SEPT 23, HEADING TOWARD UZUMLU, BUT TURNED BACK AFTER WARNING SHOTS WERE FIRED BY THE GENDARMERIE POST, WHICH IS LOCATED ABOUT 500 METERS FROM THE IRAQI BORDER. TWO OR THREE HOURS LATER, THREE IRAQI HELICOPTERS REPORTEDLY CROSSED THE BORDER AND OPENED FIRE ON THE POST. THE FIVE TURKS WERE WOUNDED DURING THE ENSUING EXCHANGE OF FIRE. MOST MASS CIRCULATION DAILIES CARRIED FRONT PAGE ACCOUNTS WHICH, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CUMHURIYET'S, WERE FAIRLY LOW KEY. (CUMHURIYET'S ACCOUNT, UNDER LARGE HEADLINE, LEFT IMPRESSION UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THREE-HOUR CONTINUOUS BOMBARDMENT BY IRAQI JETS HAD

TAKEN PLACE.)

2. PRIMIN DEMIREL WAS QUOTED ON AFTERNOON RADIO NEWS  
SEPT 24 AS SAYING THAT HAKKARI INCIDENT WAS AN "ORDINARY  
BORDER INCIDENT". BRIEF MFA ANNOUNCEMENT CONFIRMING THE  
INCIDENT STATED THAT THE DIYARBAKIR GENDARMERIE COMMAND  
WAS INVESTIGATING THE INCIDENT, AND MFA DEPDIR FOR MIDDLE  
EAST AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE IRAQI GOVT  
HAD BEEN ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION.  
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